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SUMMARY.

The city of San Francisco has practically been destroyed by an earthquake and by fire. The authorities have been advised that the total number of thousands. Another account says 2500.

The first shock tossed the city like a feather by wind, making buildings rock like poplars in a gale.

In three minutes the city was a mass of debris.

Buildings tottered and crashed and showers of falling chimneys and concrete walls crushed and killed many people.

House roofs and freight sheds fell into the bay, and deep fissures opened near the shore.

Services off wide opened in several streets, and entire sidewalks were torn up. Tram tracks were strangely twisted.

Two ships sank in the bay.

When the shocks occurred the streets bulged and waved off like a crack.

People were dazed and incoherent.

The gas tanks exploded.

The Grand Opera House and Clausi's, Rockells' and the direct building of its kind in the west, were crushed like eggshells.

The mansions of many millionaires were burned.

The Leland Stanford University was practically destroyed.

The suburbs of Berkeley, containing the State University and other State institutions, are also involved in the destruction.

By the collapse of the Valencia Hotel and King's lodging house 100 people were killed.

Continuous shocks of earthquake in the afternoon caused a flight from the city.

Thousands of buildings were destroyed.

The greatest loss of life occurred in the shop tenements near the water front.

By the destruction of one lodging-house 200 people were killed, including the chief of the police.

The offices of the "Call" and "the Examiner," and the "Chronicle" were destroyed, and it is feared that many journalists were killed.

The fire which devastated the city were caused by the breaking of the gas and water mains, as the result of the tremors.

The roofs of the city were soon enveloped in the rapidly-spreading flames.

Firemen used dynamite to blast out pathways, and the deafening explosions added to the terror of the day.

The terror with which the people was seized will not soon be forgotten, and the scene of apalling destruction was indescribable.

Up to 5 o'clock on Wednesday night several hundred city blocks were involved in the fire, and the damage from this cause was estimated at \$20,000,000.

The latest information is that the situation is desperate, and that the fires were burning furiously in all quarters of the city.

The earthquake covered a large area on the Pacific Coast.

Salinas, 80 miles south of San Francisco, suffered considerably.

The shocks were severe at Nevada City, 120 miles distant, and at Fresno City, 152 miles distant.

As apparently hopeless report states that the American-Pacific squadron was sunk whilst anchored in San Francisco Bay.

At a meeting of the State Cabinet yesterday the question of railway administration was discussed, but no information for the press was disclosed.

The Political Labour League at Goulburn has decided to ask Mr. Watson to contest Werris at the next Federal elections.

The Full Council of Victoria has ordered that the ship "W. M. Kite" be released by warrant issued at Durban, shall be returned to Natal.

The Pacific cable business in March was the highest yet recorded.

Mr. O'Conor gave a favourable reply to a deputation of Good Templars, who had come to demand the return of the public schools.

The Shipping Service Commission will probably report that the establishment of a Commonwealth-owned line of steamers is not advisable.

Such a line of steamers may, however, be considered by the Commonwealth, in the operations of combine prove fatal.

At the Public school teachers' conference it was decided in the retiring president's address that there was profound dissatisfaction in the service.

There were still teachers, it was explained, who were receiving less pay than the ordinary school teacher.

Mr. Orlando Baker, Consul for the United States, read an interesting paper on "Practical Education in America."

Mr. Baker described the world as "a howling wilderness of bloodthirsty savages," and stated that ignorance and superstition went hand in hand.

The most important development in connection with the mine fire at Broken Hill yesterday was the "slipping" of the Junction North shaft.

The shaft is practically destroyed, and in my opinion, that the company should sink another shaft at once.

In the correspondence respecting the proposed transfer of Northern Territory, Mr. Denison says it should be an annual debt of £100,000.

The South Australian Government replied that the deficit was due to Commonwealth legislation respecting contract labour, and to the cost on railway wages.

Furthermore, it is admitted there would be no deficit at all if the administration was not hampered by recent Federal legislation.

Mr. Justice Cussen has ordered that a naturalised Chinese arrested in Victoria to a writ of habeas corpus directing the Mother Superior of a convent at Abbotsford to deliver up a certain person.

The Acting Chief Justice in Victoria granted a writ of habeas corpus directing the Mother Superior of a convent at Abbotsford to deliver up a certain person.

One wholesale jeweller expressed the opinion that the Tariff Commission was not likely to make a dump for the next 20 years.

The Dunlop Tyre Company's warehouse at Christchurch was given by fire. The insurance total \$11,000.

The R.M.S. Victoria, which arrived at Aden last week, yesterday experienced one of the roughest passages round the coast on record.

The United States cruiser Baltimore arrived at Sydney yesterday.

Victoria again defeated New South Wales in the interstate bowls match, and won the rubber.

Archbishop Clarke, of Melbourne, gave his reply yesterday to the anti-slumbers movement affecting St. Peter's Church, Eastern Hill.

The Archbishop said he could not permit any ceremonial or liturgical use of incense.

The balance-sheet of the late A.N.A. Exhibition shows a deficit of £1676.

The Royal Society's show closed yesterday. The total receipts exceeded those of last year by £750.

A fire occurred in Austral-chambers, Pitt-street, last night, and did a considerable amount of damage to the northern portion of the building.

The Stock and Share market was very active yesterday, and quotations underwent considerable fluctuation.

A moderate amount of business was done in the Mining market. Silver-lead shares, which showed most interest, were easier.

Good prices were maintained at the sales of thoroughbred yearlings.

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For Shipping, Meteorological, and
Mail Notices See Page 6.

BIRTHS.

EVIT.—April 9, 1906, at her residence, Roper-street, Newtown, the wife of W. Evit, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

WATSON.—ROBERTSON.—Married in the Rock Church, Sydney, by the Rev. W. D. MacKey, D.D., George Watson, baker, to Mary Robertson, of Argyle-street.

DEATHS.

CARPENTER.—April 18, 1906, at his residence, Carroll-street, Bondi, Elizabeth Martha, youngest daughter of Harry Peter and Mary Ann Elizabeth Carpenter.

HOGAN.—The elder and dearest beloved son of Thomas and Hogan, of 47 Darlington-road, Darling-ton, N.S.W.

MORANDO.—April 18, 1906, at his late residence, 24 Pitt-street, Pitt-street, Sydney, his dearest loved husband of Emily Hope Morando, aged 28.

PEACE.—WILLIAM.—Born in 1831, died April 18, 1906, Frank Morris, the dearly beloved son of George and Mary Watson, aged 75 years and 3 months.

WATSON.—WILLIAM.—Born in 1831, died April 18, 1906, Peter, Ethel Carrick, beloved wife of Bertie Watson.

IN MEMORIAM.

SHEDDIMENT.—In early and loving memory of my dear husband and our dear father and grandfather, Samuel Sheddiment, who departed this life April 18, 1906, at his residence, 27 Pitt-street, Pitt-street Hill, Sydney, survived by his surviving wife, children, and grandchildren.

He loved him, it is dear to us still.

But in grief we must bend to God's holy will.

Our pain is great, but our heart at peace forever.

GUTHRIE.—In loving memory of our dear brother, Mr. Guthrie and Curtis, who died April 18, 1906, aged 17 years.

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But they little know the sorrow.

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He is sealed in our hearts.

He is sealed in our hearts.

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THE SAN FRANCISCO EARTH-
QUAKE.

The stupendous catastrophe which has overtaken San Francisco has probably no parallel in history, except that furnished by the great earthquake of Lisbon. So far as can be gathered from the sensational cables we publish this morning, the city proper must be a mass of ruins. From the water front to the City Hall the business portion of the Californian capital is reported to be completely wrecked; and to say that would be tantamount to saying, in the case of Sydney, that the city from the Circular Quay to the railway station had been laid waste. In some respects the two cities present some striking points of similarity. Both grew up round a track from the sea to the interior. In the case of Sydney it was the old bullock-track that wound from Sydney Cove to what is now George-street West, and beyond. In that of San Francisco it was the old Mission. What George-street is to Sydney Market-street is to San Francisco, and the city streets in both cases strike to right and left from these main arteries. Standing on the wharf at San Francisco the town seems to be divided into two equal parts by the sky-scraping "Call" or Spreckels' Building, as it is variously called, with its 300 feet of deal to the State. It would represent in height, and the dome of the City Hall in crossed activity in mining, and confidence the far distance. By our cables we are among investors, so that the local demand for facilities for diversion offered in various parts of the Republic. Perhaps production has not been hampered almost to its undoing by class legislation, whatever may be said of the secondary industries, with an oppressive Arbitration Act and much official dragoning. This need, of course, to be modified by a statement by the reminder that the above is my promise that fulfillment. If Mr. Carruthers is correct in his estimate of the amount of the available money in London awaiting investment, then an extra thirty millions sterling circulated throughout the Commonwealth would meet the demand.

That is actually so it may be said at once that San Francisco has been rendered unrecognisable. The disappearance of the "Call" building and those of the other two newspaper offices, the "Examiner" and the "Chronicle," which constitute a well-known triangle, with the destruction of the Palace Hotel, means simply the absolute wiping-out of the distinctive architectural features of the city. Then the colonnaded dome of the City Hall, certainly the most striking architectural feature of San Francisco, has collapsed. Eight square miles have been devastated by fire, portions of the water front have slipped into the sea, certain sections of the residential quarter have been laid waste, and the number of lives lost so far as is ascertainable is reaching into thousands. Such a catastrophe is phenomenal. The horrors of war and the slow processes of pestilence are tame in comparison with its suddenness. There were three distinct shocks, or series of shocks, but the bulk of the destruction seems to have been effected in a few minutes. So far as can be gathered from the accounts, the only remaining feature about the vibration is that it occurred in the early hours of the piteous indiction under this head. For morning. Had it happened when the rest, the show authorities must realize that they have still a great deal to do, to the Government, and the hours of the show as that reform must continue until the lands are unlocked and administration is as thorough and sympathetic as in ordinary business concerns of any magnitude. Our "Northern Rivers" articles have wound up with a fairly decent feature about the vibration that it occurred in the early hours of the piteous indiction under this head. For morning. 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SAN FRANCISCO IN RUINS.

EARTHQUAKE WRECKS CITY AND COUNTRY.

AN AWFUL CATASTROPHE.

CALAMITY SURPRISES PEOPLE IN SLEEP.

THOUSANDS OF LIVES LOST. MILLIONS OF DAMAGE.

BUILDINGS COLLAPSE ON THEIR INMATES.

DISASTROUS FIRES SWEEP THROUGH THE CITY.

LONDON, April 18, 5.5 p.m.

A destructive earthquake occurred at San Francisco this morning. It is reported that one thousand people have been killed. Half the city is in ruins.

9.30 p.m.

The shock of earthquake at San Francisco began at 10 minutes past 5 o'clock this morning, and lasted for several minutes, and there was a recurrence of the shock. A wide area was affected by the earthquake. Most of the telegraph and telephone wires are down. Many fires have broken out.

April 19.

Information of the earthquake at San Francisco is fragmentary, owing to the burning of the telegraph and newspaper offices.

It is estimated that 1500 people have perished, and that 1000 have been injured in San Francisco alone.

Federal authorities at Chicago are advised that the killed numbered thousands. Another account says 2500.

The entire business portion of the city is in ruins. The latest information is that the flames are uncheck'd, and are sweeping through the city. Thousands of people are homeless, and are huddled together in the parks and public squares.

Troops guard the banks. Cavalry and infantry patrol the streets, and are instructed to shoot thieves, who are already plundering.

THREE SEVERE SHOCKS OF EARTHQUAKE.

TREMORS TRAVERSE THE ENTIRE CONTINENT

CRASHING BUILDINGS AND SHOWERS OF FALLING CHIMNEYS.

The moment of the greatest disturbance was 15 minutes past 5 yesterday morning. The tremor was sufficient to cause the seismograph pendulum to swing for nine minutes across the whole width of the photographic roll. It is believed that the originating centre was out at sea. The tremor traversed the entire continent, and was recorded at Washington, Ottawa, Vienna, and the Isle of Wight.

There were three severe shocks in the morning at intervals of some hours, and slighter shocks in the afternoon and early in the evening. When the first shock occurred most of the people were asleep. They rushed from their beds into the streets in their night attire.

Buildings were tottering and crashing, and showers of falling chimneys and cornices of walls crushed and mangled many. The terror and excitement were indescribable. Modern tall steel-framed structures stood better than brick and wooden tenements. Some docks and freight sheds slid into the bay. Deep fissures opened near the shore.

The business district between Howard and Market streets from the bay as far west as the City Hall was especially badly wrecked. The roof and small towers of the City Hall, costing 7,000,000,000, (£1,400,000,000), collapsed. The Post Office was shattered. The Valencia Hotel and Kingsley's lodging-house collapsed. By each of these falls eighty people were killed. A great department store fell, burying the caretakers.

CITY GIVEN OVER TO FIRE.

ENTIRE DESTRUCTION OF BUSINESS CENTRE.

DYNAMITE BLASTS PATHS FOR SAFETY.

Owing to the breaking of the gas and water mains many fires broke out, and, there being no means of extinguishing them, they spread with remarkable rapidity. Fanned by a brisk easterly wind, the flames soon endangered the whole manufacturing and wholesale quarter of the city. Firemen freely used dynamite to blast out pathways in the city blocks. The explosions were deafening, and added to the horrors of the day.

Soon a section of the city south of Market-street, and between Third and Ninth streets, was a mass of flames. No ferries are running. All entry to the burning city has been stopped. Latest telegrams state that after destroying the business district the fire is spreading to the residential section.

Many buildings, after withstanding shocks of earthquake, succumbed to fires. Up to 8 o'clock last night the fires had extended over eight square miles. Several hundred city blocks are involved, and the damage is at least 100,000,000 dollars (£20,000,000).

The district surrounded by Vallejo, Howard, East, and Sansome streets, embracing almost the entire wholesale district, has been swept clean by the fire. The district bounded by Market, Eighth, and Folsom streets has also been devastated. The latter includes the majority of the finest and most substantial buildings.

Crevices of wide opened in several streets. The entire side walks are torn up. Tram tracks are strangely twisted. The Palace Hotel was burnt, and two ships anchored in the bay sank.

THE SITUATION BECOMES DESPERATE.

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC SAFETY APPOINTED.

PEOPLE DUMBFOUNDED AND INCOHERENT.

BLOCK AFTER BLOCK DEMOLISHED.

Late telegrams from New York state that, allowing for hysterical reports, it is apparent that the situation in San Francisco is becoming desperate. The fire is burning furiously in all quarters of the city. Two regiments of regulars guard millions worth of property placed in the streets to avoid the flames.

The Mayor of San Francisco has appointed a committee of public safety. He has ordered the bakeries and the milk stations to supply the homeless with bread and milk.

Eye-witnesses state that the streets when the shocks occurred bulged and waved as if about to crack. People were dumbfounded and incoherent, and threatened to shoot if pestered with interviews.

Continuous shocks of earthquake in the afternoon caused a flight from the city. Thousands of buildings were destroyed. The greatest loss of life occurred in the cheap tenements near the water front. The gas and water supply were wrecked. Firemen were powerless. Flames leapt all barriers. Block after block in Market-street (the main thoroughfare) was destroyed.

Huge buildings in Eddy-street collapsed. One lodging-house was demolished, and in its fall killed 200 people. The chief of the fire brigade, Mr. Denis T. Sullivan, was killed beneath its ruins.

The offices of the "San Francisco Call," "San Francisco Examiner," and "San Francisco Chronicle" were destroyed. The first two were ten-story buildings, and it is feared that many journalists were killed in their ruins.

The Grand Opera House, the postal and telegraph offices, the Grand Opera House, the Pacific States Telephone Exchange, the Rialto Store, the Mutual Life Office, the Anglo-California Bank, and the Fish Market were among the buildings destroyed.

The Grand Opera House and Claus Spreckels' office, Market-street, the finest building of its kind in the West, were crushed like

eggs shells. The Western Union Telegraph Office was wrecked. Mansions of many millionaires were burned.

St. Ignace (Ignatius) Cathedral in Hayes-street is ablaze.

Eighty insurance companies have resolved not to discriminate between damage by fire and earthquake. The Conrad Comic Opera Company lost all its scenery and personal baggage.

THE EXTENT OF THE DISASTER.

HUNDREDS OF MILES OF COUNTRY AFFECTED.

NOBLE PILES OF BUILDINGS DEMOLISHED.

Many of the principal buildings eastward across the bay from San Francisco were injured by the earthquake. The sea overflowed between Suisun City, 38 miles north-east of San Francisco, and Benicia, on the Straits of Carquinez, 21 miles north-east of the ruined city. Half a mile of track of the Southern Pacific railway disappeared under water. A crowded passenger train barely escaped.

The Leland-Stanford University, at Palo Alto, 28 miles south-east of the city, has been practically demolished.

It is reported that the suburbs of Berkeley, north of Oakland, were destroyed. These suburbs contained the State University and other State institutions. Many inmates of the State asylum at San Jose, 30 miles south of San Francisco, were buried in the ruins.

Much loss of life is reported from San Jose, Sacramento, Santa Rosa, and much damage. Salinas, 80 miles south of San Francisco, suffered considerably.

The earthquake was severely felt in Nevada City, 130 miles north-east, and Fresno City, 163 miles east-south-east, of San Francisco. Shocks were not felt southward of Santa Barbara, 240 miles south of San Francisco.

Half an inch movement was recorded by instruments at Washington. At Oakland the telegraph companies were forced to open.



THE PORT AND CITY.

and their inland expeditions learned something of the extent of the country which stretched far to the west. The Indians, who had been pushed further and further on in the work of converting the Indians, and slowly the herdsmen followed their pioneer established lines.

In this extending of the missions, Friars Benito Cambon and Francisco Palom came up to the big San Francisco Bay in September 1776, and next year established a mission at San Francisco. Around this in turn grew up a military post. The winds and fogs from the ocean made them look for a more sheltered spot for the fort, and so they moved to what has ever since been known as "The Mission," and there established. In October 1777, the first church was dedicated on October 8, by Don Jose Moraga, and it stands to-day as one of the show-places of the city, and a beautiful reminder of the fathers, who went boldly among the savages of the new land, bearing the cross and the message of peace on earth.

With the coming of padres and hunters, a small commercial settlement began to grow on the bay shore, in easy access to the sea. Some others were plied with trade, and some built houses as to predict its present population and magnificence.

The growth of the settlement was very slow, and the first ship was a great event. It was not until July 4, 1834, that the first frame building in the commercial section of the city was erected. A lively colonization over the erection of so important a structure. It stood on what is now Clay-street above Dupont, in the section of the city known as the Chinese. In 1841 the great Hudson Bay Company established a small agency in the little town, but abandoned it in 1845. The first ship to be made in San Francisco and then spent somewhere else rapidly gave place to the construction that built up the city. The Hudson Bay Company had soon learned that nowhere else in the United States could be found a climate more suited to work and activity. Without a doubt, ships were brought in to San Francisco, but it was evident that this was the place for a settled community.

So, after 50 years, San Francisco has become the trade centre, financial centre, and educational centre of the entire Pacific Coast. The port of the imports, and 75 per cent. of the exports of the coast. It is the second port in the United States in the import and export of trade, and the port of entry of all the cities in the Union. Its taxable property amounts to nearly 400,000,000,000. In its savings banks are deposited 120,000,000,000, or \$40,000,000,000.

It is the opinion of the best financiers and closest observers in the United States that San Francisco is to be the greatest port in the world, and that the port of San Francisco Bay is to be the greatest port in the world.

CURIOS INCIDENTS.

The science of seismology is of older date than is generally thought. A device invented in 1664 by a Chinese called Ch'ien is the first instrument.

The instrument was a spherical bottle-shaped copper vessel, ornamented with birds and animals. Inside was a small pendulum, and when it was set in motion it was assumed that it could move in eight directions. On the outside of the bottle were eight dragons' heads, each holding a tiny ball. The pendulum was suspended from a chain, and when the ball moved in any direction the dragon would move in the same direction.

After the ball had moved in all directions the bottle would be turned, and the ball would move in the same direction.

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